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COMMUNICATION WITH PERSHING HAS BEEN CUT OFF

Supposed Bandits Have Cut Wires, and Wireless Is Out of Communication

REPORTED VILLA HAS FLED TO MOUNTAINS

Texas Rangers Round Up Villa Sympathizers Who Send Him Munitions

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 22.—All efforts to get in communication with General J. Pershing's American columns failed early today. The field telegraph, cut in 28 places, and the light wireless outfit carried by the expedition both proved useless. It is believed certain that the wire was cut by roving bandits or Villa sympathizers who get between the Americans and the border. The exact trouble with the wireless has not been ascertained, but efforts are still being made at army headquarters to communicate with the expedition by radio.

General Gavieta at Juarez made an effort to get in touch with the column by using the railroad wire to Casas Grandes. This also failed. It is supposed the line was broken by bandits in a rail on railway communications. No word of the amount of damage done was to be had, however, constitutional officials protesting ignorance.

Meanwhile, somewhere deep in Mexico behind this curtain of silence the Americans are supposedly pursuing their task of running down Francisco Villa and his men. There is a report current here that Villa himself has not participated in any fighting yet, the conclusion being that he left it to some of his followers, while he himself hurried toward one of his lurking places in the mountains. If it is true that Villa was present at the skirmishing around Namiquipa, army men believe it reasonable to suppose that he and his men have already clashed with the Americans somewhere in that region.

At last accounts, before communications failed, the expedition vanguard was only 35 miles from Namiquipa. Should it have come face to face with "Pancho" and his outlaws those who know Villa believes he would have split his army into many small bodies and would have spread out in all directions, making the American forces divide into groups and fight him guerilla fashion.

Carranza Troops Unreliable

Border reports today still had it that there was more of less serious disaffection among some of Carranza's troops. While faith was manifested in Carranza many doubted his army would obey him in all things. American women, wives of officers, school teachers and others who live in small towns around El Paso have come here so as to be on the safe side in case of a break.

Texas rangers are rounding up all border Mexicans suspected of being Villa sympathizers. Many of the suspects have admitted being engaged in shipping ammunition across the Rio Grande. At Ysleta, 12 miles east of here, arrest of following discovery of a plot to transport machine guns into Mexico.

A new column headed by the Eighth cavalry is believed making ready to enter Mexico, riding southward over the old Smugglers trail. General Bell will probably command.

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ABE MARTIN



What's become of the mother who let her boy wear curls till he was 14 years old? Yes, an' what become of 'th' boy? We'd never know some fellows' middle names if their wives didn't get in 'th' social columns.

TO CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Washington, Mar. 22.—Senator Sherman introduced a resolution today authorizing President Wilson to call 50,000 volunteers for service in Mexico. He asked that it be passed immediately.

EAST NASHVILLE FIRE GETS BEYOND CONTROL

Carried by High Wind Sweeps All Before It—15,000 Are Homeless

MAY WIPE OUT CITY

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 22.—East Nashville, including some of the finest residences, is threatened with destruction by fire this afternoon. The blaze originated in a negro's cabin. Over 50 houses have been burned, and two blocks razed. The fire department appears powerless. Outside aid has been asked. High winds are spreading the flames.

The early damage was confined mostly to shacks and a few cheap buildings, but insurance experts said that even if the wind should cease 15,000 would be made homeless.

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 22.—Although every available piece of fire fighting apparatus in Nashville and adjoining cities was battling the flames sweeping East Nashville this afternoon, the blaze continued to gain. Governor Tom C. Rye called out state militia to aid police and firemen.

At 4 p. m. the conflagration showed no signs of abating. Only the Cumberland river, separating the business district from the portion now wrapped in flames can save the whole city from destruction, it is feared.

Neighboring cities even some distance away are sending engines on special trains, but every hydrant is busy now, and the additional apparatus will be of little use.

Traveling with terrifying speed, the flames have already eaten a pathway three blocks wide and a mile long through the heart of the best residence district. Three churches were engulfed in the fire.

Market Was Stagnant Prices Took a Tumble

New York, Mar. 22.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said:

Prices were irregular and uncertain during the first three hours, but during that period reactionary tendencies predominated. Peace discussions continued to make their influence felt.

The heavy buying when war stocks went down was clearly the result of overnight reports that Germany had intimated the time for peace negotiations had arrived. Despite the state department's denial the wide circulation of these rumors confused the public, and restrained trading.

The extreme narrowness of the market was indicated by such declines as 10 points in General Motors, fifteen in Bethlehem Steel and the almost complete neglect of railroads. Coppers were mostly still. Mercantile Marine preferred was the only conspicuously strong stock this forenoon. Late trading was not marked by an expansion of business, and speculative conditions remained unchanged.

WHEN BLOOD IS SHED MEXICAN CHARACTER WILL BE REVEALED

By H. C. Boehme.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 22.—Scattered along the border, ready at five minutes notice to increase protection to a million Americans immediately north of the international line, is the finest but smallest army in the world.

Where 10,000 soldiers hold five miles of front in northern France, slightly more than the number guard 2,000 miles which separates the United States from Mexico.

Visitors at Douglas and other frontier places where troops have mobilized since the Columbus affair continually remark upon the personnel of the New United States army.

There has been no increase in the number of higher officers but non-commissioned officers have been uniformed to resemble their superiors more. Sergeants and corporals under the regulations wear leather puttees, boots, and breeches which only the trained eye can distinguish from commissioned officers' garb.

The troopers are clean cut, close shaven, almost to the extreme, and except

PARIS, TEXAS, HAS \$7,000,000 BLAZE, 10,000 HOMELESS

Swath From Two to Ten Blocks Wide Swept Clean by Fire

BUSINESS SECTION IS UTTERLY DESTROYED

All But 15 of the City's 140 Business Blocks Are Masses of Cinders

FIRE CONTROLLED TODAY

Paris, Texas, Mar. 22.—Three are dead, 10,000 homeless and from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 damage has been caused by a fire which devastated two-thirds of the city. The flames were finally extinguished today.

One hundred business blocks were destroyed including 25 dynamited to check the blaze. Between 1,500 and 2,000 dwellings were burned. Many were injured, some probably fatally.

Four are known dead. The body of James Reitor was found buried in the wreckage of his home at Monon. At Montpeller, Gertrude Alpaach, aged 44, was killed.

Paris, Texas, Mar. 22.—With two-thirds of the city's residential and business districts wiped out by flames which left a funnel shaped wake from two to 10 blocks wide across the city, the total loss as the result of the fire which raged all night was estimated today from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, with 10,000 homeless. One man, John Stramb, was burned to death in his home.

Homeless and destitute families are being relieved by the city. Half the population of Paris is without shelter. Thousands went without breakfast this morning. Urgent appeals for groceries and money have been sent to neighboring cities.

There is not a dry goods store, drug store, hotel or wholesale grocery left in the city. Among the buildings destroyed were two newspaper plants, the court house, postoffice, telegraph office, high school, three churches, several apartment houses, two hotels and many costly dwellings.

The fire started in the Long Transportation company warehouse and spread with great rapidity to the Paris Cotton exchange. While thousands fled from their homes, throwing furniture and valuables into the street, the blaze swept over the public square and ate into the north side residence district.

Fire fighting apparatus was rushed from Dallas, Honey Grove, Bonham and from Hugo, Okla. Every citizen was pressed into service. Many bucket brigades were formed. The water supply was none too plentiful, and at midnight the fire had taken 27 of 15 of the city's 140 business blocks.

Hot Slow: Hot slow is preferred by many people to cold slow, and may be very easily made by heating some ordinary slow.

Sheppard Found Guilty of Disorderly Conduct

The jury in the case of the City of Salem against George W. Sheppard, last night returned a verdict of guilty to the charge of disorderly conduct. The complaining witness was E. W. Wyatt who testified that Sheppard struck him with his fist. It was brought out in the testimony of the defendant's witness that Wyatt had run back to his own home and secured a gun. He swore out a complaint charging Sheppard with disorderly conduct and the case was tried out in police court before a jury. Sheppard was fined \$15 and he said. The jury in its verdict recommended the leniency of the court in imposing sentence.

placing a buoy near the north jetty.

Astoria, Or., Mar. 22.—Three men of the crew of the lighthouse tender Manzanita were drowned today while replacing a buoy near the north jetty. The buoy broke adrift and one of the ships' boats with six men was launched to replace it. The boat capsized in the breakers on Peacock spit. The life saving crew from Fort Canby immediately went to the assistance of the men, but succeeded in rescuing only three.

GREAT FIRE IN KANSAS

Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 22.—Prairie fires driven by strong winds did heavy damage in Kansas today. The Cushing oil field reported more than \$1,000,000 loss there alone.

Reports from Wichita said flames were sweeping over miles of grass lands, killing livestock and destroying farm buildings.

No casualties have been recorded.

TROOPS ARE RUSHING TOWARD THE BORDER

Are Needed to Guard Lines of Communication With Armies in Mexico

Washington, Mar. 22.—From all sections of the United States troops sped to the border today in instant response to Major General Fred Funston's appeal for reinforcements.

At 4 a. m. Colonel Wilder and four troops of the Fifth cavalry from Fort Meyer, across the Potomac from Washington, started for Columbus, N. M. on a special train.

Squadrons will be en route to the border from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Sheridan, Ill., and Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., this afternoon.

Funston's latest dispatches indicated that General Pershing was nearing the Villista fighting line. Reports that Pershing's communications had been cut were believed due to military difficulties rather than to treachery.

More supplies are being urged for Pershing. Officials admitted that if they did not reach him in a few days the condition might become serious.

The state department and Carranzista representatives are rushing work on the proposal under which further operations in Mexico are to be conducted. Its essential features have been agreed upon, and the details are now being worked out.

May Raid in Army's Rear

San Antonio, Tex., Mar. 22.—With General Pershing's men reported at Lake Babine, Colonel Dood between El Valle and Namiquipa and a third American column near Carmen, contact with Francisco Villa was regarded as inevitable today, if the bandit is still holed up in between the fast moving expeditionary force and Carranzistas to the southward.

If Villa has given them the slip and won his goal in the Guerrero fastness, it is conceded the chase will last weeks and perhaps months.

The significance of Major General Funston's call for reinforcements was admittedly due to a necessity of strengthening the American lines of communication. Army men fear Villistas may have been purposely left behind when their leader fled, suddenly to raid in Pershing's rear and leave the Americans isolated in a pro-Villa district.

Extension of the responsibility to El Paso was hinted if Carranza permits use of Mexican railways for military purposes. The American base may then be transferred from Columbus to El Paso.

Pneumonia Thins Banks.
El Paso, Tex., Mar. 22.—Sickness is thinning the American ranks in Mexico. Several soldiers arrived here for treatment today. They said soldiers are dropping most from pneumonia. By day they suffer from intense heat. At night they almost freeze. This, say the arrivals, has produced a pneumonia epidemic of serious proportions.

A week's hard marching on meagre rations from following months of being fed in camps caused many to fall by the wayside. The worst cases are being sent back to the border.

Private R. J. Harding, Company A, Sixteenth infantry said pneumonia was the most prevalent complaint.

GALE RAGES OVER ILLINOIS, INDIANA AND GREAT LAKES

One Killed, Many Hurt and Houses Wrecked at Logansport, Indiana

THREE COACHES BLOWN FROM RAILROAD TRACK

Fears Felt for Lake Vessels --Wires Down and Details Are Meager

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 22.—Blizzards and gales cost at least two lives and did property damage which may amount well into the thousands in Illinois, Michigan and Indiana today.

W. J. Ricketts was killed at Logansport when the roof of a broom factory was ripped away, crashing into his house.

At Marion, B. Williams was killed as he slept. The wind sent bricks from a wrecked chimney through the roof of his farmhouse. His wife was badly injured.

A girl was reported killed near Montpelier, where houses and churches were unroofed.

A Cloverleaf train was blown from the track near Marion, two men being so severely hurt they were taken to the hospital. Many others narrowly escaped.

Trains and interurban cars were delayed at Detroit by the worst blizzard in several years.

Fear Vessels Wrecked.

Chicago, Mar. 22.—Terrific gales accompanied by blizzards damaged northwestern Illinois during the night. Daylight revealed houses blown over at Kankakee and Pittwood. Many wires were down and fragmentary reports filtered in from the affected areas.

Fears were felt for safety of the freighter Arizona, which sailed last night for Manitowoc. The steamer Maywood was forced to put in for shelter at Waukegan. Three men on an iceboat were driven by the gale into a water hole on Lake Monons, Wis., and drowned.

Steel Coach Saved Them.

Marion, Ind., Mar. 22.—Good luck and a steel car saved many from probably serious injury when the wind swept three coaches of a Cloverleaf passenger train from the tracks and tumbled them down a steep embankment.

Although two cars rolled completely over, only two men were hurt badly to necessitate an ambulance call.

During the high wind, fire destroyed a drug store in the Troquois block, the largest in town. Twenty-five thousand dollars was the total loss.

R. Williams, farmer, was killed as he slept in bed and his wife was seriously injured when the gale toppled his chimney, sending bricks crashing through the roof.

Damage May Be Great.

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 22.—Sweeping northern Indiana shortly after midnight.

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SOME PROGRESSIVES

San Francisco, Mar. 22.—Bearing 144,000 signatures, the nomination petitions for progressive delegates to the national convention at Chicago, June 2, were ready for filing here this afternoon. They will be filed either this evening or today. Petitions were still coming in late today from all parts of the state.

TESTIMONY REFUTES STORIES OF DEFENSE

Next-Door Neighbor Gives Direct Lie to Those Trying to Make Out Alibi

Oroville, Cal., Mar. 22.—Giving the lie to Gertrude Lamson's parents, Mrs. Thomas Whidden, a next door neighbor of Rev. Madison Slaughter, charged with attacking the girl, testified in his trial today that Gertrude was at her home on November 13 and 14.

Her parents had sworn that she was at home on those dates. Gertrude herself testified she visited the Slaughter residence November 13 and 14 and was attacked by him.

Mrs. Whidden fixed the dates of Gertrude's visits by saying Mrs. Grein, also a member of Slaughter's congregation, came on those dates, to give her a sponge bath as she was sick in bed. Gertrude heated the water and aided Mrs. Grein, she testified.

Judge Gregory strongly admonished Defense Attorney Scioneaux for asking asked insulting questions. Schooler asked Mrs. Whidden if she remembered the date so clearly because that was the occasion of her first bath. The court forced Schooler to retire as questioner of Mrs. Whidden, and his assistant, G. R. Kennedy, took the witness. Mrs. Whidden's husband threatened to "have a settlement" with Schooler.

Mrs. Whidden was so overcome she was unable to remain on the stand long afterward, and was excused. Her husband followed her. He corroborated his wife, and furthermore asserted he guided Gertrude Lamson to the door of the Slaughter house with a lantern on the night of November 14. He said he saw her next morning at daybreak when she returned to his place next door.

Blackmail Stories Will be Published by Star

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 22.—The temporary injunction issued yesterday by Superior Judge Ronald, on application of attorneys for Dottie Goots, Lillian Peterson and Leabel Clayburg, in which the Seattle Star was ordered not to publish its advertised stories by Mrs. Clayburg, was dissolved today.

Attorney John H. Perry, for the Star, argued that the order was clearly in defiance of the newspaper's constitutional rights.

The Star announces today that it will publish the first of the Clayburg stories tomorrow.

Mrs. Clayburg, under arrest in Los Angeles, is fighting extradition to Seattle for trial on charges of complicity in activities here of an alleged blackmail gang which plucked rich victims with an elaborate "bidge" game.

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DRAMATIC SCENES AT CASAS GRANDES WHEN AMERICANS ARRIVED

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 22.—Brought from their hiding places, United States flags were dusted off and once more unfurled in the sun when Colonel Dood's cavalrymen galloped into Casas Grandes, saving American Mormons there from the Villista menace, according to stories told by arrivals from that district today.

The rescue scene was dramatic. For days the settlers had lived in hourly terror of a Villista raid. Mexicans at Casas Grandes shouldered their way. When news of the expedition entering arrived, their fears were increased. They believed it would take days for the troops to cross Chihuahuan desert, and in the meantime more bandit outrages were expected.

But Dood's cavalrymen made record speed across the wilderness. Two days from the minute they crossed the border, settlers looked toward the northern horizon to see a cloud of dust. Panic reigned. They could think of nothing but a horde of Villistas, fleeing before the soldiers and murdering as they went.

The cheering of men who had gone out ready to fight brought to women, in their hiding places, the first intimation that Americans and not Mexicans were approaching under the dust cloud. Then the stars and stripes were brought out, men shouted, women wept

LIQUID FIRE USED BY GERMANS AIDS IN MAKING GAINS

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BUT SHEETS OF FLAME COMPELLED RETREAT

Paris Insists Shifting of Attack by Germans Is Confession of Failure

By Charles P. Stewart.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
London, Mar. 22.—Liquid fire played its most successful role since the war began when it enabled German troops to make an advance at a point 10 miles northeast of Verdun.

Reports received in London today said that German artillery showered shrapnel and high explosives on the French positions in the Avocourt woods without success. But jets of liquid flame and billows of smoke drove the French from several hundred yards of trenches southeast of Malancourt.

This new success menaced several square miles of French positions northwest of Verdun. Latest Paris dispatches however, insist that the shifting German attack is a confession of failure. Russian victories have convinced French critics that the Verdon offensive will soon be abandoned.

By their gain at Avocourt, the Germans arrived within seven miles of the St. Meusehould railway, over which supplies are carried for most of the French positions around Verdun. If the Germans fall to squeeze the French out from their northwestern positions, they may suddenly change front and smash southward in an attempt to seize this railroad.

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A Lull at Verdun.

Paris, Mar. 22.—Although German cannon kept up a constant uproar during the night northwest of Verdun, there was no attempt at infantry operations, the war office communique said today.

The bombardments was especially heavy around Malancourt and Haucourt Hill. Shells poured into the village of Bantheusse on the Meuse east bank. Cannonading continued between Vaux and Dambloup.

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THE WEATHER

I'M GLAD IT'S SPRING

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